

# Leading Health Care In The 21st Century



## Stratton VA Medical Center

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The Stratton VA Medical Center, part of the VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York, is located in the heart of Albany, New York. Located in the capital of New York State, this medical center serves veterans in a 100-mile radius. Opened in 1951, the medical center serves veterans in 22 counties of Upstate New York, Western Massachusetts and Vermont.

In 1990, this facility was named in honor of Samuel S. Stratton, U.S. Congressman of the 23rd District, a staunch supporter of veterans and a frequent visitor to the hospital. The medical center provides primary care, wellness and prevention outpatient care, and comprehensive primary, secondary and tertiary inpatient care in medicine, plus a full range of outpatient services. Veterans Benefit Counselors are available at this medical center, as well as a comfort home and hoptel for outpatients and their families. Our Voluntary Service office supports the delivery of veteran health services through volunteerism and donations from community and service organizations in the Albany area.

The Stratton VA Medical Center provides specialized medical services such as: cardiac catheterization, cardiac rehabilitation, nuclear

medicine, radiation oncology, stereotactic radiosurgery, hospice/palliative care, adult day health care, post-traumatic stress disorder, compensated work therapy, memory clinic, geriatric assessment, nursing home and respite care. In addition, we offer a Women Veterans Health Program that addresses a variety of health care needs specific to women veterans. Services include gynecology, bone density screening and on-site mammography. There is also extensive diagnostic laboratory medicine and radiology including computerized tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging.

The primary care program provides services at the medical center and at several community based outpatient clinics in: Glens Falls, Sidney, Elizabethtown, Schenectady, Troy, Kingston, Plattsburgh, Malone, Clifton Park, Fonda, and Catskill, as well as one in Bennington, Vermont. These practices serve an integral role in the provision of expanded primary and preventive medical services.

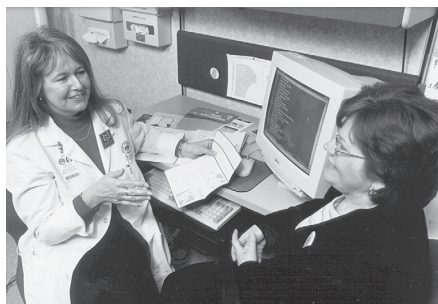


The goal of the Stratton VA Medical Center is to provide the highest quality health care services through continuous quality improvement and technical excellence. The Stratton VA Medical Center has many internationally recognized scientists conducting medical research in areas of cancer, pneumonia, and post traumatic stress disorder.

The American College of Surgeons designated the Stratton VA as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. Affiliated residency programs are fully integrated with Albany Medical College. Residents

and medical students from Albany Medical College and other medical schools rotate through the medical center on a continuous basis. We also provide internships/

fellowships for most health care disciplines, including: social work, nursing, public relations, and health care administration.



## About Albany, New York

Albany, the capital of New York State, is located on the west bank of the Hudson River, approximately 150 miles north of New York City. It is included in the "Capital District" along with Schenectady and Troy, encompassing four counties with a population of over 600,000. Albany serves as a major seaport and transportation center offering diverse opportunities in many areas.

### Mileage from Albany to:

Boston, Mass.	175
Buffalo, NY	280
Elizabethtown, NY	125
Glens Falls, NY	50
Hartford, Conn.	105
Lake George, NY	60
Lake Placid, NY	145
New York, NY	150
Saratoga Springs, NY	30
Washington DC	342

## Housing

Quality homes and apartments are available within commuting distance of the medical center. Prices are consistent with those found in cities of comparable size.

## Schools

Excellent primary and secondary facilities are provided by public and private systems. Over 30 post-secondary institutions are located within 60 miles, including the State University of New York at Albany, Union College, College of St. Rose and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

## Cultural Activities

Local events are scheduled throughout the year. The Capital District hosts the New York State Museum, the New York State Theatre Institute, the Albany Symphony Orchestra, the Capital Repertory Company and a number of galleries and historical sites. The Saratoga Performing Arts Center is the summer residence of the New York City Ballet and other international artists perform with the Lake George Opera Company.

## Recreation

An array of year-round outdoor activities abound. Fishermen and water enthusiasts will find miles of lakes, ponds and streams throughout the area. Hiking and biking trails, golf courses, tennis courts, parks and

general recreational areas are plentiful. New York boasts the most skiing slopes in the nation with the state's largest at Gore Mountain. Close by are dozens of New England ski resorts. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing and ice-skating provide additional winter sporting opportunities.

## Transportation

Recognized as the "Crossroads of the East," Albany is a major transportation center with excellent interstate highways and air, rail and bus services, facilitating travel to all surrounding areas. Interstate 87 is the primary north/south arterial, connecting Albany to the New York State Thruway for travel west and south and Interstate 90 east to the Massachusetts Turnpike.

